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In concluding this abbreviation of the meeting of the League, we beg to express our warmest approbation of the zeal and energy of our Scottish friends. It affords us unspeakable pleasure to record their success, and pray God that they may obtain, in yet richer abundance, those influences from on high which will qualify them for work, and give the best and most permanent prosperity.

Our report is compiled from the pages of the "Review," published under the auspices of the League, and we take this opportunity of again expressing our high opinion of its sterling worth and literary ability. It is one of the best, if not the very best Temperance periodical that we receive from any quarter. We heartily wish it the greatest possible circulation.

The *Guelph Herald* contains the following item of intelligence. The pitching of that bottle was rather smart business for western folks:—

"THE LONDON SAILOR" delivered a lecture on Total Abstinence in the Temperance Hall on Wednesday last. Mr Murrell has a copious flow of language, combined with considerable oratorical ability; and his positions are enforced and illustrated by a redundancy of anecdotes of every imaginable variety, told in regular forcible fashion. The hall was crowded, and the lecture received with much applause. Mr Murrell lectured on Thursday in Elora, and on Friday in Fergus, on both occasions, we are informed, to large audiences. At Fergus, some rowdy sought to mar the proceedings by pitching a bottle of whisky through the window of the school-room where the meeting was held, at the risk of committing manslaughter. The contents of the broken missile were liberally sprinkled over the wearing apparel of a recently-gained hard case, who, shaking off the noxious fluid, very severely remarked that 'he much preferred having the whisky on his jacket to having it in his stomach.'

These Fergus gentlemen have our consent to throw away all the whisky in their town. Take a barrel next—empty it over that bridge, and it will find its way to Niagara Falls through the Grand River.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Several letters, and other articles, intended for the present number, are unavoidably left out. Amongst which are,—a communication from Brighton Division; a letter signed "D.T.V.," "J.C." Ayre; "A Subscriber," Toronto; an account from the *Napance Bee*, of a meeting of Delegates from several of the Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, within the United Counties, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, held at Mill Creek, on the 2nd of August. Some account will be given of the organization of three new Divisions in our next—St. Andrew's, Lachute, and Lancaster.

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THE SARATOGA CONVENTION.

The above meeting of the veterans of the cause, is past, but we would hope that the influences that cannot fail to emanate from it through the individual members of the Convention, amongst their respective constituencies, are only beginning to be felt. Such gathering of Temperance men from distant parts, for the purpose of seeing face to face those laboring in the same work and consulting with each other upon the best way to carry out our principles, is of paramount importance to their successful issue. It is matter of regret that there were so few delegates from Canada, only four, and these all from Montreal, viz: John Dougall, Esq., and Mr J. C. Becket, for the Montreal Temperance Society; P. Lescur, Esq., for the Young Men's Temperance Association; and C. F. Smithers, Esq., for the Sons of Temperance. We say we regret the little interest Canada seems to have taken in the Convention, because of the actual loss the leading men in our ranks have sustained in consequence; and, as a matter of course, a corresponding loss to all those to whom this influence would reach, for we can assure them that they would have come home better Temperance men, and more determined than ever to keep up the war upon alcohol in all its ramifications, until these provinces were prepared to outlaw the article entirely in all its forms as a beverage, and regard the whole traffic as "a moral cancer upon the body politic." This should henceforth be the high aim of the friends of Temperance in this province. It is evidently an error to attempt to regulate what in itself is an irregularity, as Dr. Jewett designates the traffic. Let the leaders of this cause as well as Temperance papers throughout these provinces take this position, and we would not need to wait long to see the consummation of this great movement.

The opinion of temperance men in the neighboring states are rapidly coming up to this standard, and in more than one state these principles have been embodied in the constitution. In Ohio, a great point has been gained, by the introduction into their constitution of a clause to provide against the evils of the traffic; but in Iowa, the law regards the whole traffic as a nuisance; it is true, parties are permitted to sell, but they do so at their own peril; they cannot hold up a license and plead its authority to beggar and deprave the population. On the complaint of any one, for any injury committed, the grand marshal is bound to arrest the grog-seller and compel him to repair the injury. In the